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THE CHILD'S
ILLUMINATED PRAYER BOOK.



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A

FIRST BOOK OF PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.



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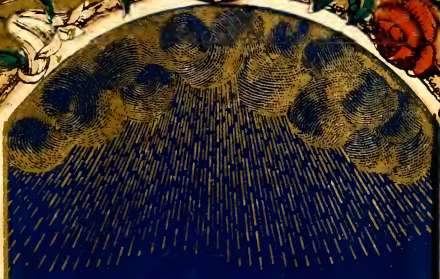
PREFACE.

The object of the present little book is to place before children those Prayers, Hymns, &c. which it is necessary for every young child to learn as the first early lesson in religion, in a form which, by the prettiness and adaptiveness of the illustrations, may at once tend to interest the child in the learning of the Prayers, and at the same time to refine the mind in teaching its first lessons in taste—which is too frequently vulgarised, by placing in the hands of children such coarse

and unmeaning illustrations as are very generally found in early children's books. Therefore, in the illuminated decorations accompanying these Prayers, we have sought to avoid idle and unmeaning ornaments—employing such as seemed appropriate and likely to increase and develop the interest in each subject rather than divert the attention from it, as is frequently the case in the ordinary and indiscriminate application of ornament.







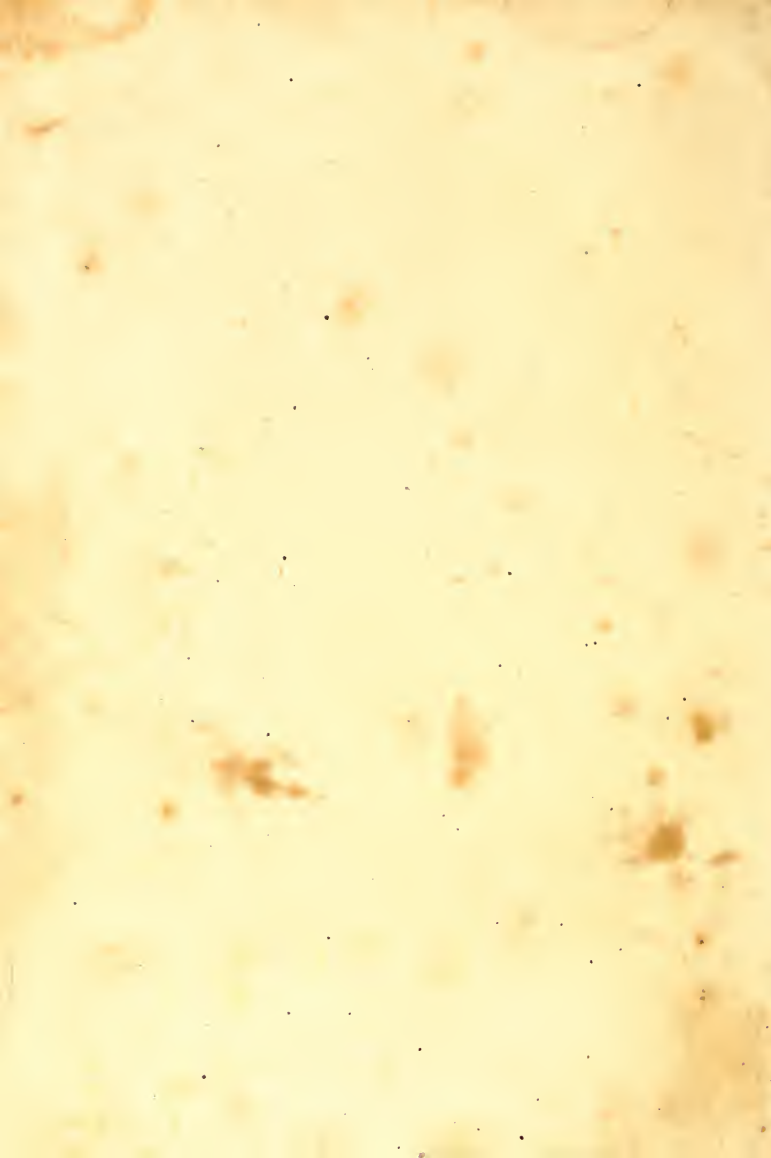
ur Father which are in
heaven Hallōwed be thy
name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive them that tres-
pass against us, And lead us
not into temptation. But de-
liver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, the power and
the glory, For ever and ever.

AMEN.









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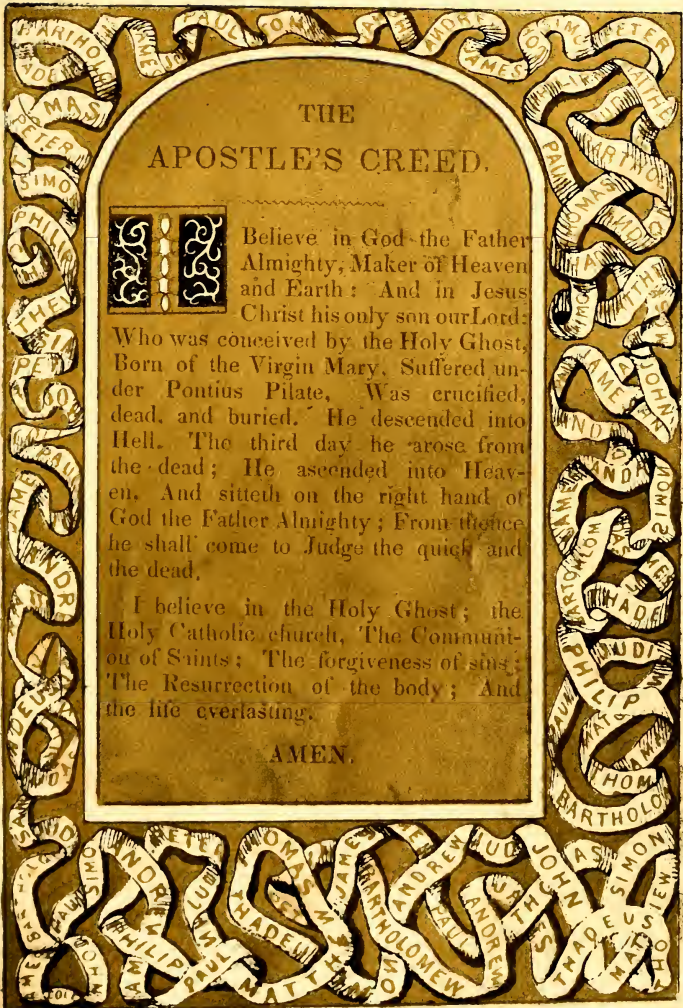


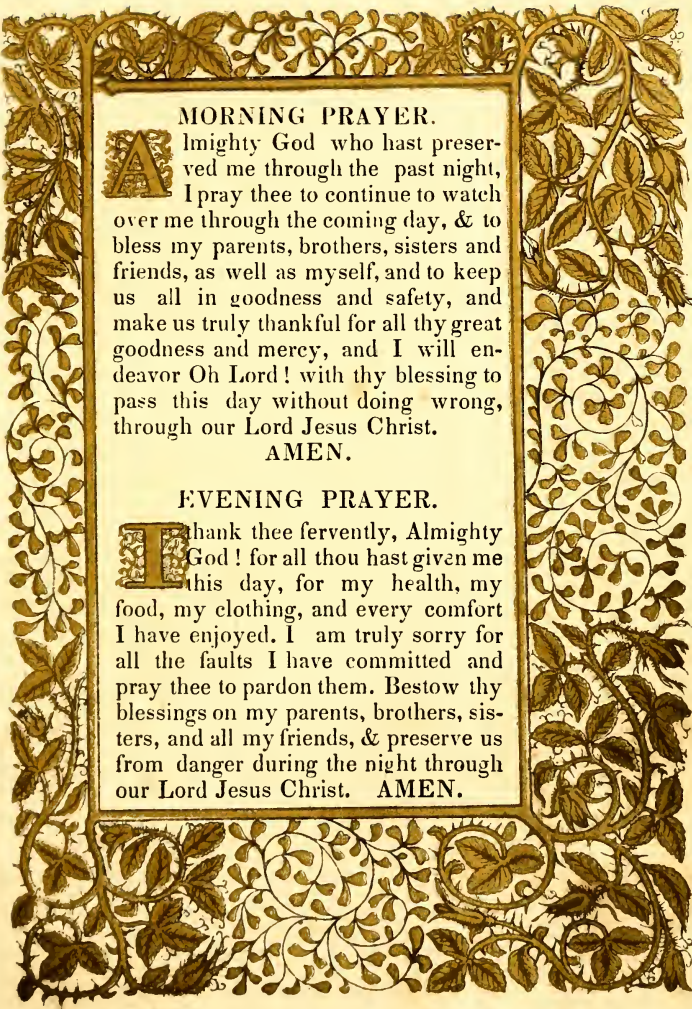
Believe in God the Father
Almighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth: And in Jesus
Christ his only son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered un-
der Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,
dead, and buried. He descended into
Hell. The third day he arose from
the dead; He ascended into Heav-
en, And sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; From thence
he shall come to Judge the quick and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the
Holy Catholic church, The Communi-
on of Saints; The forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body; And
the life everlasting.

AMEN.





MORNING PRAYER.

Almighty God who hast preserved me through the past night, I pray thee to continue to watch over me through the coming day, & to bless my parents, brothers, sisters and friends, as well as myself, and to keep us all in goodness and safety, and make us truly thankful for all thy great goodness and mercy, and I will endeavor Oh Lord! with thy blessing to pass this day without doing wrong, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

EVENING PRAYER.

Thank thee servently, Almighty God! for all thou hast given me this day, for my health, my food, my clothing, and every comfort I have enjoyed. I am truly sorry for all the faults I have committed and pray thee to pardon them. Bestow thy blessings on my parents, brothers, sisters, and all my friends, & preserve us from danger during the night through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.







GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

Bless O Lord! the food we are going to partake of, and make us truly thankful for this and every comfort we receive, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

AFTER MEALS.

We thank thee, O Lord! for the repast we have enjoyed, and pray thee to grant we may ever remember, that all blessings we receive are from the bounty of thy hand.

AMEN.







PRAYER FOR SICK FRIENDS.

Almighty God who dost help and comfort all who are in sickness or sorrow, I Pray thee to bestow thy blessing upon my dear friend, to shorten his time of suffering, and restore him speedily to health, and that he may be full of thankfness for thy great kindness and mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

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PRAYER FOR ABSENT FRIENDS.

**A**lmighty God who dost protect us all through storm and tempest in every season, I pray thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, and to bless and watch over my dear absent friends, that they may return in safety to us, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN.







## COMMANDMENTS.

I.

**T**hou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II.

**T**hou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them; for I the Lord thy God am a Jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III.

**T**hou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

## COMMANDMENTS.

for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

IV.

**R**emember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, & thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day: and hallowed it.











COMMANDMENTS.

V.

 honour thy father  
and thy mother;  
that thy days may  
be long in the land  
which the Lord thy  
God giveth thee.

VI.

 thou shalt do no  
murder.

VII.

 thou shalt not  
commit adultery.

VIII.

 thou shalt not  
steal.



COMMANDMENTS.

IX.

 thou shalt not  
bear false wit-  
ness against thy  
neighbour.

X.

 thou shalt not  
covet thy neigh-  
bor's house; thou  
shalt not covet thy  
neighbour's wife,  
nor his servant, nor  
his maid, nor his  
ox, nor his ass, nor  
anything that is his.









## THE MORNING HYMN.

**A**wake my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run,  
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

**R**edeem thy mispent moments past,  
And live this day as if the last ;  
Thy talents to improve take care ;  
For the great day thyself prepare.

**L**et all thy converse be sincere,  
Thy conscience as the noon-day  
For God's all-seeing eye surveys [clear,  
Thy secret thoughts thy works & ways.

**W**ake and lift up thyself, my heart,  
And with thy angels bear thy part :  
Who all night long unwearied sing ;  
High glory to th' eternal King !

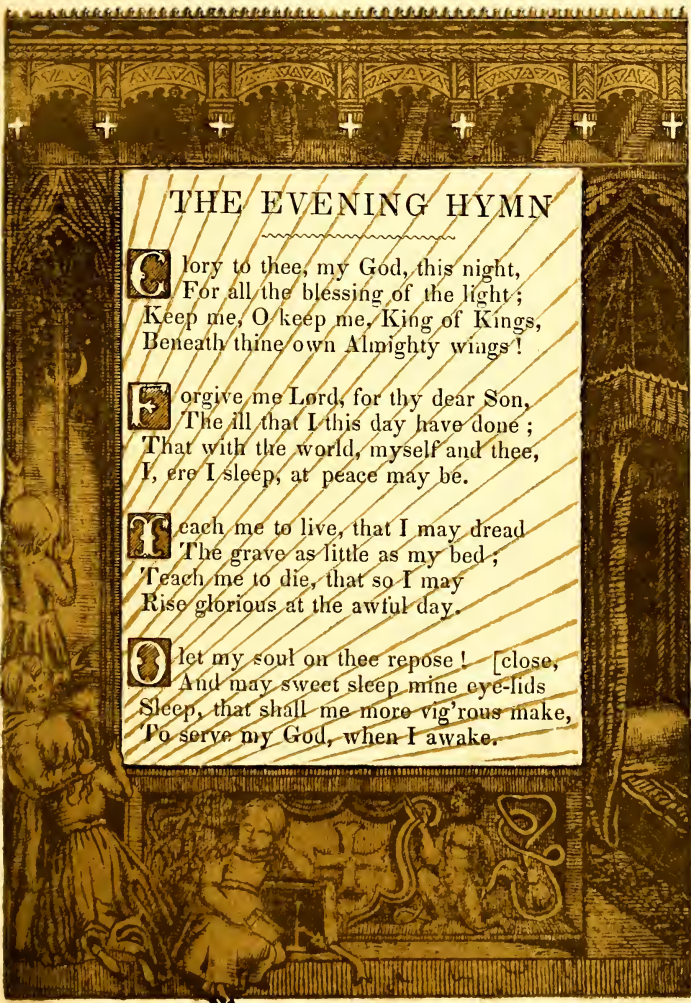












## THE EVENING HYMN

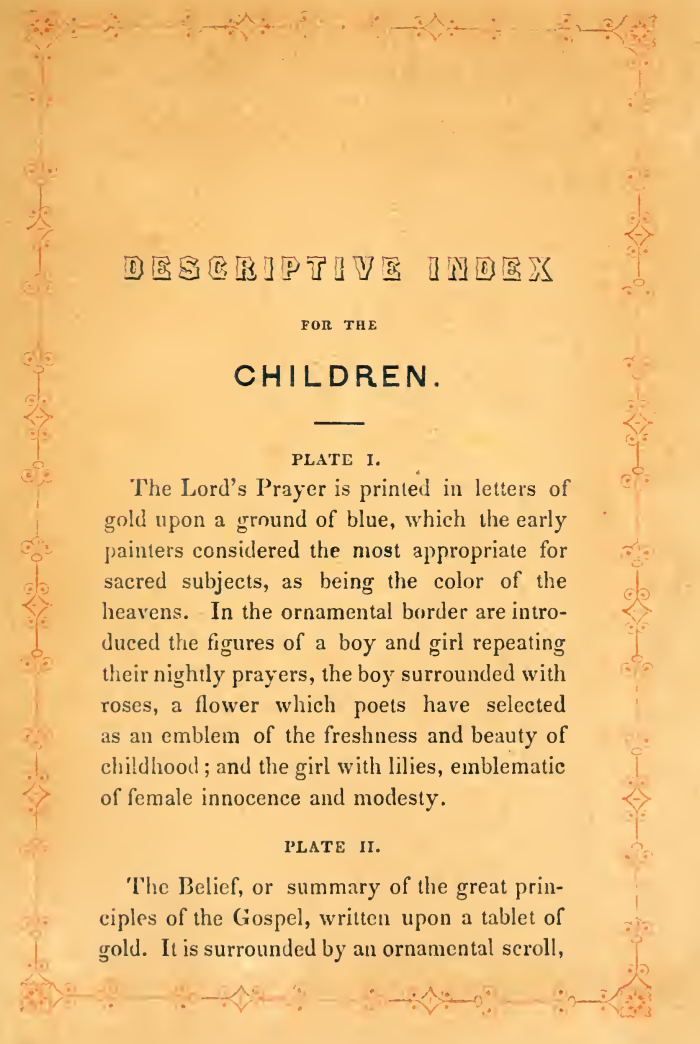
**G**lory to thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessing of the light;  
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,  
Beneath thine own Almighty wings!

**F**orgive me Lord, for thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done;  
That with the world, myself and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

**T**each me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the awful day.

**L**et my soul on thee repose! [close,  
And may sweet sleep mine eye-lids  
Sleep, that shall me more vig'rous make,  
To serve my God, when I awake.





# DESCRIPTIVE INDEX

## FOR THE CHILDREN.

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### PLATE I.

The Lord's Prayer is printed in letters of gold upon a ground of blue, which the early painters considered the most appropriate for sacred subjects, as being the color of the heavens. In the ornamental border are introduced the figures of a boy and girl repeating their nightly prayers, the boy surrounded with roses, a flower which poets have selected as an emblem of the freshness and beauty of childhood; and the girl with lilies, emblematic of female innocence and modesty.

### PLATE II.

The Belief, or summary of the great principles of the Gospel, written upon a tablet of gold. It is surrounded by an ornamental scroll,

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containing the names of the apostles who preached the Gospel at the peril and eventual sacrifice of their lives.

### PLATE III.

A Form of Morning and Evening Prayer, surrounded by an ornamental border, such as decorated the rich Prayer Books of our devout forefathers, before the invention of printing, when the skill of the greatest artists of the age was lavished upon the decoration of the Bible and Books of Prayer.

### PLATE IV.

A Grace or Thanksgiving before and after meat. On one side is seen the wheat sheaf, representing bread, the great staple food of man; on the other side, the vine, represents wine, which, with water, formed the only drink of mankind in the early ages of the world. At the top are seen a group of children reaping and gathering wheat, and another gathering grapes, and pressing out the juice in the manner practised in wine countries. Below is a representation of the Lord's Supper after the celebrated picture of Leonardo da

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Vinci, painted on the wall of a refectory or dining-hall of a convent at Milan—now, unfortunately, nearly destroyed.

### PLATE V.

A Prayer for sick Friends and one for absent Friends. On the left, at the top, a medallion is interwoven in the ornament, representing a little girl in an attitude of prayer. Opposite to this is a similar medallion, with a group representing care and attendance on the sick : they are surrounded with heartsease, a flower which the French call *pensee* (thought) and frequently use it as an emblem of kindly thought towards others. Our English name pansy is a corruption of the French *pensee*. Below, a little boy is repeating his prayer ; and opposite to him are a mother and children taking leave of some dear friend, whom a vessel is rapidly carrying away from them. These medallions are surrounded by forget-me-not, a little flower which several nations of Europe call by this name ; the German is *vergeismeyn*. It was probably in the simplicity of early manners given as a token of remembrance at parting.

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### PLATES VI AND VII.

The Ten Commandments. On Plate VI. Moses is seen receiving the tablets from heaven; and on Plate VII. an aged man is occupied in reading them, whilst on either side a child is attentively studying. The form of these tablets is that used for the commandments in all early churches, and a still older example of this particular form exists on the arch of Titus, at Rome, erected on his return from the conquest of Jerusalem, where, with the seven-branched candlestick and other spoils of the temple, two tablets are represented of precisely this form, which may possibly have been the tablets on which the Commandments were preserved in the Jewish temple; the originals were probably of gold, or they would not have tempted the Roman conquerors to carry them away.

### PLATE VIII.

The Morning Hymn, the ornaments of which are intended to convey an idea of the beauty of nature in the early morning, represented by luxuriant vegetation, and the glory of the rising sun.



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PLATE IX.

The Evening Hymn, which is intended to convey an impression of the comfort and shelter of home during the night ; while the Gothic casement discovers the wonders of a starry sky, which the elder children are contemplating with admiration, while their little sister has just fallen asleep over the last lines of her Evening Hymn.





















